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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1835

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, NP

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST WORKS AND TRANSPORT
MINISTER

1. EXPLOSION OCCURRED EVENING MAY 5 IN KATHMANDU RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AS CAR DRIVEN BY WORKS AND TRANSPORT MINISTER PRAYAG RAJ SINGH SUWAL WAS PASSING. ACCORDING OFFICIAL NEWS SERVICE RSS, THREE BYSTANDERS RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES, SUWAL'S CAR WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED, AND POLICE HAVE ARRESTED FOUR FOR QUESTIONING. POLICE REPORTEDLY SUSPECT DETONATED DEVICE WAS "36 GRENADE" SIMILAR TO THAT EMPLOYED MID-MARCH AT BIRATNAGAR DURING VISIT KING BIRENDRA.

2. INDEPENDENT ACCOUNT IN DAILY MOTHERLAND TITLED "SUWAL HAS NARROW ESCAPE" REPORTS MINISTER WAS PURSUING "DAILY ROUTINE FOLLOWED FOR SOMETIME PAST," DRIVING THROUGH AREA AFTER VISITING IN-LAWS. SITE OF EXPLOSION WAS OLD AND CONGESTED RESIDENTIAL AREA BEHIND BHIMSEN'S TOWER IN DOWNTOWN KATHMANDU.

3. COMMENT: INFORMATION ON INCIDENT IS AS YET FRAGMENTARY.
SUWAL, ONE OF FOUR GRADUATES' CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVES IN
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NATIONAL PANCHAYAT, IS BETE NOIR OF THOSE PRESSING FOR POLITICAL

LIBERALIZATION WHO DENOUNCED HIM AS "CONSPIRATOR AGAINST PEOPLE"
DURING LAST GRADUATES' ELECTIONS (A-70, JUNE 1973). HE WOULD
THUS BE LOGICAL TARGET FOR EXTREMISTS' ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.
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